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Héctor Leduc, Property Owner
Cerámica Gas Service Station
Carr. Estatal PR-190, Km. 1.2, Bo. Sabana Abajo
Carolina, Puerto Rico 00982

Re: Request for Information Pursuant to Section 1445 of the Safe Drinking Water Act
Underground Injection Control Program, Docket No.: SDWA-UIC-IR-16-007
Cerámica Gas Service Station
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Dear Mr. Leduc:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program is issuing a Request for Information pursuant to Section 1445(a)(1)(A) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. §300j-4 (a)(1)(A) to determine whether your facility is operating a motor vehicle waste disposal well that may be endangering an underground source of drinking water subject to EPA jurisdiction under the SDWA¹.

A motor vehicle waste disposal well is a shallow disposal system that receives or has received fluids from vehicular repair or maintenance activities, such as an auto body repair shop, automotive repair shop, new and used car dealership, specialty repair shop (e.g., transmission and muffler repair shop), or any area where vehicular repair work is performed. Motor vehicle waste disposal wells are regulated as Class V injection wells. Typical motor vehicle waste disposal wells are floor drains and slop or regular sinks in the service bay area that connect to a septic system or cesspool. However, *any* underground system that receives motor vehicle waste is considered to be a motor vehicle waste disposal well. For example, catchbasins, cesspools, and sink holes are considered motor vehicle waste disposal wells if they receive motor vehicle waste.

Under the authority of Section 1445 (a)(1)(A) of the SDWA, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §300j-4 (a)(1)(A), EPA requests that you submit the following information within 60 days of receipt of this letter

¹ Esta carta es una notificación oficial de la Agencia de Protección Ambiental Federal (EPA, por sus siglas en inglés) requiriendo información acerca del sistema de drenaje en esta facilidad. Si necesita información adicional favor de comunicarse con Nonny Ortega at (212) 637-4234.

REQUIRED ACTIONS

- Identify the discharge point for each drain and sink at your facility. Acceptable options include but are not limited to dye testing of drains/sinks and as built diagrams of facility showing piping.

As required by 40 CFR §§144.26, 144.27 and 144.83(a), should any drains discharge to one or more injection wells you must complete inventory forms for these injection wells (as described above). Enclosed is an inventory form (EPA Form 7520-16) and a request for information that must be completed if you possess a facility which uses an underground injection well. Also enclosed is a listing of Class V injection well types and instructions (Enclosure 1). Please use Enclosure 1 when filling out the inventory form. These documents can also be found on the internet at:

http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-10/documents/7520-16_508c.pdf

- For any injection well inventoried above, you must submit a detailed description of all types of fluids that are or may be discharged into the injection well.
- Provide a list of any other garages owned and/or operated by Cerámica Gas Service Station.
- Acceptable options include but are not limited to dye testing of drains and sinks or as-built diagrams of facility showing piping.

If you are currently working with the Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (EQB) on permitting or closure (note that change of use from waste disposal to strictly sanitary is considered a “closure”) of this or any motor vehicle waste disposal wells owned by Cerámica Gas Service Station, please identify those facilities and provide a brief summary of their status.

If you are certain that there are no discharges from the Cerámica Gas Service Station into an injection well, you must submit verification that all floor drains and sink drains discharge to somewhere other than an injection well, such as a holding tank, the storm or sanitary sewer; surface water such as a stream, lake, etc.; or onto the ground surface. Examples of verification would be: 1) a letter from the Sewer Authority (PRASA) reporting that no drains at the facility discharge to an injection well and identifying the final discharge points of the drains, or 2) results from a dye test performed by a licensed engineer or plumber proving the drain(s) discharge to somewhere other than an injection well or 3) an updated plumbing blueprint of the facilities verifying where each drain discharges to and that none discharge to an injection well.

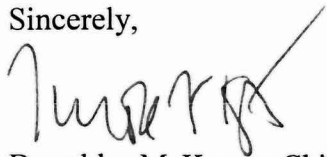
Please submit all information to the following address:


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New York, NY 10007-1866
Re: SDWA-UIC-IR-16-007
Attn: Nonny Ortega

Failure to respond to this letter truthfully and accurately within the time provided may subject you to sanctions authorized by federal law. Please also note that all information submitted by you may be used in an administrative, civil judicial, or criminal action. In addition, making a knowing submission of materially false information to the U.S. Government may be a criminal offense.

If you have any questions, please contact Nonny Ortega of my staff at (212) 637-4234.

Sincerely,



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